

## How to Track Florida Legislation

When the Florida Legislature is in session, you can track bills introduced on the state's websites. The Senate and House each have their own sites. You can track bills in both chambers on either site. These instructions are for the Senate's website because its Search function is more robust.

1. Go to [flsenate.gov](https://flsenate.gov)
2. Click Session in the Top-Nav. (Exhibit 1)
3. Click Bills in the dropdown menu. (Exhibit 2)
4. Fill in whatever you know about the bill then hit **Search**. (Exhibit 3)

The Senate website has better search capability than the House site when you don't know the bill number and chamber. In this case, select

- *Senate and House* as the **Chamber**
- Enter key words into the **Search Term** (e.g., *Charter School Conversion*)
- Click the **Search** button

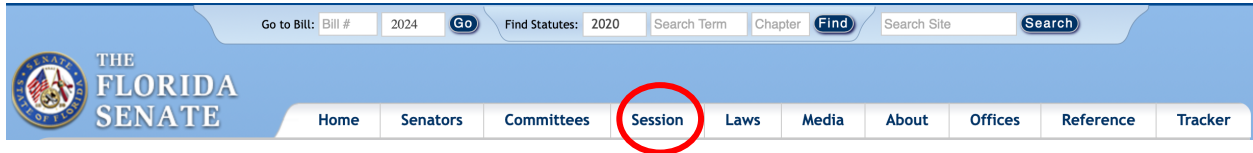
Of course, if you do know the bill number (e.g., HB 109,) simply enter it.

5. When you enter a Search term, you will see a list of bills that shows the Bill Number, Title, Filed By, and Last Action. Click the **Bill Number** to open a page containing the details about the bill. (Exhibit 4)
6. The Bill details page (Exhibit 5)
  - a summary of the bill
  - a **Bill Text** link that opens a PDF of the bill
  - a **Bill History** button (under the summary) that can be expanded to show actions taken (e.g., filed, referred to committee, introduced on the chamber floor, adopted.) (Exhibit 6)

*NOTE: Once a bill passes in one chamber, a message will be transmitted to the other. This message will appear in the history and from that point forward the action of the other chamber becomes part of the Bill History.*
  - a **Glossary of Legislative Terms** button (top-right) can be useful in understanding the actions in the Bill History
  - a **Bill Number** button (under the Bill History) that can be expanded to see a list of related bills. This is where you can a companion bill in the other Chamber if one exists. (Exhibit 7)

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## Exhibit 1 Session Tab



## Exhibit 2 Dropdown Menu



## Exhibit 3 Search Example



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## Exhibit 4 Search Results

Searching: 2024, Senate and House Bills, Charter School Conversion

12 Bills Found 1

NUMBER	TITLE	FILED BY	LAST ACTION AND LOCATION	TRACK BILL
<a href="#">HB 109</a>	Charter Schools	Choice & Innovation Subcommittee	Last Action: 1/26/2024 H 1st Reading (Committee Substitute 1)	
<a href="#">SB 246</a>	Conversion Charter Schools	Sen. Harrell	Last Action: 1/9/2024 S Introduced	
<a href="#">SB 748</a>	Charter School Capital Outlay Funding	Sen. Davis	Last Action: 1/9/2024 S Introduced	

## Exhibit 5 Bill Details

Go to Bill:    Find Statutes:

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**CS/HB 109: Charter Schools**

GENERAL BILL by Choice & Innovation Subcommittee ; Andrade  Track This Bill

Charter Schools; Revises requirements for application for conversion charter school; authorizes municipalities to apply for conversion of specified public schools to charter schools; authorizes Charter School Review Commission to solicit & review applications for conversion charter schools; requires certain school district real property be designated as surplus; provides requirements for use of such surplus real property. [Glossary of Legislative Terms](#)

Effective Date: 7/1/2024  
Last Action: 1/26/2024 House - 1st Reading (Committee Substitute 1)  
Bill Text: [PDF](#)

Bill History

- [CS/HB 109, Committee Substitute 1 \(Current Bill Version\)](#) Posted 1/25/2024 at 4:25 PM
- [HB 109, Original Filed Version](#) Posted 10/3/2023 at 10:30 AM

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## Exhibit 6 Bill History

[Expand All](#) [Collapse All](#)

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Bill History

DATE	CHAMBER	ACTION
10/3/2023	House	• Filed
10/17/2023	House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referred to Choice &amp; Innovation Subcommittee</li> <li>• Referred to PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee</li> <li>• Referred to Education &amp; Employment Committee</li> <li>• Now in Choice &amp; Innovation Subcommittee</li> </ul>
1/9/2024	House	• 1st Reading (Original Filed Version)
1/16/2024	House	• Added to Choice & Innovation Subcommittee agenda

## Exhibit 7 Bill Number Expansion: Related Bills


CS/HB 109, Committee Substitute 1 (Current Bill Version)

Posted 1/25/2024 at 4:25 PM

Bill Text: [PDF](#)

Analyses: None

Related Bills (2)

BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	FILED BY	RELATIONSHIP	LAST ACTION AND LOCATION	TRACK BILLS
<a href="#">S 246</a>	Conversion Charter Schools	Harrell	Compare	Last Action: 1/9/2024 S Introduced	
<a href="#">S 7002 (c1)</a>	Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight	Education Pre-K -12	Compare	Last Action: 2/28/2024 H CS passed as amended; YEAS 115, NAYS 0	